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'To give thanks' and support Israel: reason for mission trip

By Barry Bokhaut

Every member of the UJA mission to Israel had a reason for joining the group. Mine was to give thanks.

The last four years have been challenging. I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer with a dismal survival rate. Recovery was slow and I suffered a major heart attack. I attribute my healing in part to the prayers from friends and family, and to my sons, Yossi and Michael. They travelled to Israel, and each placed a prayer for my health in the Western Wall.

I travelled to Jerusalem to place my own note, one of

thanks for accepting the prayers of my children, and for being granted the strength and opportunity to make the journey. Tears flowed as I approached the kotel, realizing that my dream of being well enough to travel to Israel had been realized.

Like many, I had agonized about safety. I had survived, beating the odds; it seemed reckless to now put my life in danger given the conditions reported in Israel. How foolish it would be to have survived my illness to be now injured, or worse, by a terrorist. But I was resolved to go.

It took a few days in Israel to realize that the situation is not as terrifying or dangerous as portrayed by CNN, the CBC and other media. Yes, there is a need for alertness and caution. Yes, there are armed guards who check every car that enters a parking lot and every person that enters a shopping mall or a shop. And all Israelis carry cell phones to be able to check on each other. But life goes on. Israelis travel freely. They flock to the malls to shop, or to socialize. People live full and enriching lives. We had an armed guard

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Jacie Levinson (centre), who was president of Agudath Israel when Rabbi Arnold Fine was hired, with Rabbi Fine and Steven Kimmel, current president. (Photo: Sylvia Klein)

Rabbi Arnold Fine honoured

By Estelle Meizer

Over 440 people attended the tribute dinner on May 16 to mark the retirement of Rabbi Arnold Fine, who has served as rabbi of Agudath Israel Congregation for 23 years.

The community response to Rabbi Fine's farewell dinner delighted the event's organizers. "It was the most successful social event in our shul's history and one of the largest community gatherings of recent memory," remarked Committee Chair and Master of Ceremonies Sid Kardash. "What a wonderful testament to our community's affection for Rabbi Fine!"

Even more remarkable was the range and diversity of those attending the tribute.

People from every aspect and level of the Ottawa Jewish community as well as many people from the non-Jewish community had come together to honour Rabbi Fine. All of the community's pulpit rabbis were in attendance. As well, clergy from the Hindu, Muslim, and various Christian denominations were present. It was a truly ecumenical gathering.

This diversity was a fitting tribute to Rabbi Fine. As speaker after speaker attested, Rabbi Fine's career in Ottawa was characterized by his devotion to promoting harmony, tolerance and mutual respect, both within the Jewish community and the larger inter-faith community.

He did this through his involvement in the Jewish Christian Multi-faith Council. He also did this through his personality — always respectful and courteous even when in debate and always focused on building bridges and dialogue.

Cantor David Aptowitzer, Reverend Tom Sherwood and Rabbi Reuven Bulka presented affectionate and often humorous tributes to the different aspects of Rabbi Fine's career.

Rabbi Fine's son, Dani, representing his family, talked movingly about the man they know as "Abba" and the conflicting pressures of family and community.

Rabbi Fine's four children.

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Young at heart celebrate birthdays

Goldie (Rivers) Cantor (top centre) gave a birthday party for her sisters. (left to right) Eileen (Rivers) Goldberg, age 90; Bessie (Cantor) Taller, age 91 (sister-in-law); and Thelma (Rivers) Steinman, age 91. (Photo: Marcia Cantor)



Thanks to the generosity of Ethel (Anna) Step Czajewsky, Israel has a new ambulance. The dedication ceremony in memory of her beloved husband Simcha Izek Czajewsky recently took place at Congregation Machzikei Hadas. Sam Litwack, Ottawa director, Canadian Magen David Adom, thanked Anna on behalf of the people of Israel and expressed the hope that her ambulance would help save many lives.

Anna Heilman honoured

Following the sold-out screening of *Unlikely Heroes, Stories of Jewish Resistance*, Dr. Ronald Weiss, chair of the Ottawa Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and Captain Paul Bender, post commander Ottawa Jewish War Veterans, presented Anna Heilman with a token of the community's appreciation for her courage in helping to blow up a crematorium in Birkenau (see photo at right). Heilman's story was featured in the documentary screened that night at the National Library and Archives. As well, a plaque commemorating the actions of those involved was unveiled. *Unlikely Heroes* will be shown from August 29 to September 2 at the Bytowne Theatre, 325 Rideau Street. (Photo: Barry Fishman)



Hillel Academy Grade 6 students send kids to camp

Thanks to the enterprising Grade 6 students at Hillel Academy, some needy Ottawa children will be going to JCC summer day camps this year and the fire-bombed library of Montreal's United Talmud Torah will have a few more books. The students worked extra hard to ensure that the annual shuk (market) was successful, collecting and selling toys, books, trading cards and stuffed animals. As a result of their enthusiasm and topnotch marketing skills, they raised \$1180.

In previous years, the money raised at the shuk was given to the kosher food bank and the tikvah fund, or used to purchase tfillin and tallit for underprivileged bar mitzvah boys. The students are understandably proud of their contribution and say it "feels good" and it "was fun" to do tzedaka. (Photo: Barry Fishman)

The rabbi, the letter and the Dalai Lama

By Barry Fishman

When Rabbi Reuven Bulka met the Dalai Lama during his recent visit to Ottawa, he presented him with a letter.

It was the true story of an Israeli man and woman who visited the Dalai Lama in Tibet at different times while searching for the meaning of life.

The Dalai Lama asked the young man where he was from. When he replied Israel, he was told, "go back and find yourself because all religions are imitations of Judaism."

He had the same advice for the Israeli woman a few years later. This time, the Dalai Lama also gave

the woman the telephone number of the man and instructions to phone him. She did, and today they are married.

Rabbi Bulka reports that the Dalai Lama was fascinated about what had happened and asked for more details.

The rabbi also told the OJB that he recently taped his book, *The Best Kept Secrets of Judaism*. It is now available on CD at the Machzikei Hadas Congregation Gift Shop. Released by Scholarly Audio, the three-CD set costs \$30.

For further information contact the shul's gift shop (521-9700).



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Mission to Israel inspires community

110 members of the Ottawa Jewish community participated in a moving and enriching experience in Israel from April 21 to 30.

Highlights of this magnificent journey were: the Yom Ha'Atzmaut picnic in Metulla, an informative visit to a military base in the Galil, and an inspiring visit to the Migdal Ohr Youth Village.

Many thanks to our 2004 Mission Co-Chairs Sandy Granatstein and Sam Firestone as well as our Mission Advisor, Cantor Daniel Benlolo for all their efforts and enthusiasm.

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Fear of danger greatly overstated

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with us every step of our journey on the mission. On our own after the mission, we joined a group touring the tunnels running along the kotel. Armed soldiers accompanied us as we walked past the Arab sector of the old city. I had the feeling the guards were there more for appearance than for a real security need.

When we first arrived, in advance of the mission, we travelled by taxicab because we were told buses and public transportation were too dangerous. After a few days we continued to use cabs, not because they were safer, but because they were more comfortable and convenient than public buses or vans. And given that there were three of us, they were not that much more expensive than public transportation.

Many of the restaurants were not crowded. The reason was more likely economic than safety; the economic downturn in Israel makes them very expensive.

We went to a very trendy bar. The place was full, with noisy young Israelis. The bars on the *tayelet* (promenade) along the sea shore in Tel Aviv were hopping, including the bar that had been bombed by a terrorist in the past.

We witnessed fascinating sights, like the restoration of Caesarea, with architecture and artifacts dating to Roman times, and the magnificent caves of Soreq, which provided scenery far exceeding the grandeur of an Indiana Jones movie.

We also spent a relaxing and rejuvenating day at a spa in Ein Gedi, complete with healing mud baths and numerous therapeutic mineral pools.

But our visits were tinged with sadness. There were very few tourists

enjoying these wonderful sights; people were needlessly staying away because of a fear of a danger that is far overstated.

Israel, thank God, is able to win military battles. Unfortunately, it is not so successful in the public relations war. The Arab propaganda machine has people convinced all of Israel is a war zone, and stepping into Israel puts you on the front lines of battle. It is simply not the truth. In three weeks of travel, including passages into the disputed territories, we did not feel in danger or experience any hostilities or dangerous situations. We were cautious, yes, and disturbed seeing young soldiers and civilian militia openly carrying weapons. But I didn't feel fearful, and strolled at midnight on the seaside

promenade outside our hotel.

I had time for a long discussion with Gali, my Israeli cousin as we had a beer in an outdoor café in the Tel Aviv market waiting for our wives to finish their shopping. His solution to the question of how to deal with the conflict between Arabs and Israelis was simple, clear and resolute.

Israelis have to be strong. They must not capitulate to terrorists and their vile tactics. Peace will come, some day, when the Palestinians realize Israelis are strong and will not be intimidated, and will not cede their land.

Gali's advice rings true for those outside Israel. We must be strong, not be intimidated and support Israel by not being afraid to travel and participate in the wonder and beauty of Israel.

Rabbi Fine serves community

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their spouses and his nine grandchildren, the youngest barely three weeks old, were in attendance. Whatever his community demands were, Rabbi Fine's family was always the emotional centre of his life.

In his own response, the rabbi thanked all those who supported him throughout his tenure, including his fellow clergy, board members, presidents and congregants. His final, emotional thank you was to his wife, Chevy,

whose love and support, he said, made it possible for him to serve his community for the last 23 years.

That night was Rabbi Fine's 66th birthday, and while everyone sang a rousing *Happy Birthday*, a parade of sparkling birthday cakes were marched through the crowd and placed on every table.

The affectionate best wishes of the audience were captured by that song. Many happy returns and much happiness and health in the

future, Rabbi Fine.

Proceeds from the event will go to a fund in Rabbi Fine's name for youth and adult education programming at Agudath Israel Synagogue.

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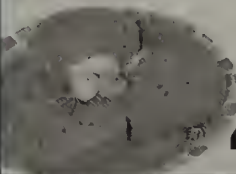
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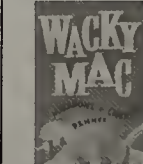
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VAAD Report

Morris Kimmel
President
Hillel Lodge

Editor's note: Vaad President Arnie Vered has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

You cannot fully appreciate Hillel Lodge until you have a loved one living here.

My association with the Lodge goes back to the early 1980's when my mother was admitted to the old facility on Wurtenburg. I have been a family member, active volunteer and board member. I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by the Lodge to give the residents the very best in time and attention. Over the course of my involvement, I have seen the organization grow and develop to become the outstanding home it is today.

The wonderful Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge on the Ottawa Jewish

Lodge needs continued community support

Community Campus operates without a stop - 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It costs \$14,000 per day to operate the Home - \$5 million per year. The Lodge is extremely dependent on government funding from the Province of Ontario, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. It is important to know that while the government sets its funding, it also determines the fees that can be charged. Although the Lodge receives substantial support from the government, close to \$3 million per year, there is ongoing pressure for the home to make up for areas the government does not fully or adequately fund - a gap of \$400,000 - \$500,000 per year. That difference comes principally from the Ottawa Jewish Community, UJA, Foundation, generous donations by community members, residents and families. These are voluntary contributions and fundraising is an ongoing challenge.

Since the average resident age is 87 years old, with 45 residents over the age of 90, one can appreciate that the Lodge offers comprehensive care and support to the 100 people living in the home. Long-term care has many of the same challenges that an

active treatment hospital faces. In order to meet these challenges the Lodge employs qualified nurses, doctors, social workers, therapists and other professionals. To assist them, the Lodge also hires a small army of health care workers and support staff. Long-term care is very labour intensive as many residents often require specific treatments and personal attention.

Properly maintaining an effective staff means offering competitive wages and benefits, providing good training and supervision and negotiating contracts/collective agreements (with the union). This occupies close to 80 per cent of budgeted expenses. Unlike most other homes, the Lodge has little turnover with many employees having ten or more years of service and even less difficulty recruiting new capable replacements. Overall, a dedicated and experienced staff means satisfied residents.

The facility - the beautiful Joseph and Inez Zelikovitz Long Term Care Centre is in many ways like a hotel for our residents. There are tremendous overhead costs in maintaining a 96,000 square foot facility with the finest in equipment, furnishings and

supplies. Utility costs, preventative maintenance, cleaning, linen and laundry add to the price tag. These are dictated by the market. Unfortunately, in these areas government funding has failed to keep pace with skyrocketing expenses.

At the end of the day, the Lodge is a home. It is an extension of the Ottawa Jewish Community for whom it exists. This means observing kashrut through our three kitchens - dairy, meat and pareve, celebrating shabbat and holidays and providing religious services with all the trimming: kiddushes, oneg shabbats, seders and banquets. Operating a traditional Jewish Home adds another layer of responsibility for the board and staff.

At the same time, we feel blessed to be part of a community that supports our efforts individually and collectively, and wants the very best for the people who are our focus - the residents.

After all, we are part of a proud and distinguished tradition of honouring our fathers and mothers. Our generosity recognizes that aging is something that happens to us all. When we reach out to you, please remember the Lodge and support its residents.



From the pulpit

Rabbi Arnold Fine
Agudath Israel

For more than a third of my life, my wife and I have had the privilege of living in Ottawa and being part of its wonderful Jewish community.

When I first became the rabbi at Agudath Israel, I expected to see a congregation that would be like similar size synagogues in the United States.

Very quickly, I learned that the Canadian experience and Ottawa history had cast my shul in a very different mould - the

Quality of Jewish life has grown over the years

community is unique. We can all be very proud of that.

During my nearly quarter of a century here, I have seen Ottawa grow, develop, offer its citizens more opportunities and become a much more sophisticated city. It is a wonderful place to raise children, as I was reminded in the early years, but also a great place to grow, to live a healthy lifestyle and to build community.

In the Jewish milieu, we are seeing the growth of new congregations and havurot. I have said for many years that we would be enriched with more shuls and I know that Agudath Israel has been the source for a few synagogues over the years.

When we had a few weekends dedicated to non-Ashkenazic culture and reli-

gious outlooks, I tried to encourage this distinct group to coalesce. I am pleased that during my tenure that the Sephardic community has organized. May this expansion of our religious expression continue!

We have been blessed with new and wonderful facilities at the Community Campus. Hillel Lodge, the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Hillel Academy, Tamir and so many other institutions are there. *Ken Yirbu.*

When we first arrived in Ottawa, there were two elementary day schools. Today, there are three.

We are now also blessed with three all day high schools, one of which emerged from Ariel, a pioneering effort of some dedicated parents who wanted more for their children. That morphed into Yitzhak Rabin High School, which joined Maehon Sarah and the Ottawa Torah Institute. May all these institutions continue to grow!

Perhaps most exciting is the blossoming of Jewish learning in our city. We are seeing many involved in study, which is impacting our synagogues and all of Jewish life. The recent opening of the Melton Mini School at the SJCC and its success demonstrates the wide range of interests. Judaism is a faith, which expects us to continually learn and deepen who we are by being immersed in our texts and by discussing, sometimes heatedly, what we are studying.

We now are talking to other ethnic and religious communities on a regular and friendly way. This is a long way from the day I suggested we attempt to dialogue with leadership of the Christian faith.

An urgent and open letter from Hillel Academy

Recently, certain Hillel Academy parents received a typewritten solicitation from Hillel Academy letterhead, purportedly signed by Rabbi Perton, soliciting funds for a charitable foundation bearing his name. This solicitation was worded in such a way that it left the impression that Rabbi Perton would use any donations for his personal benefit.

This solicitation was not written by Rabbi Perton, nor by anyone else on his behalf, but rather by some vindictive and malicious person who is intent on discrediting and maligning Rabbi Perton. Furthermore, no such charitable foundation exists.

It is our intention to investigate this matter and to seek the assistance of the

authorities in doing so. In the event you receive such a letter, or have any personal knowledge of these matters, I would ask that you contact me by phone at 820-2213 or at my office at 594-8000. I assure you that any information passed on will be handled discreetly and that your anonymity will be protected.

Please allow me to publicly express my gratitude to Rabbi Perton for all the wonderful work he has done and continues to do on behalf of Hillel Academy. He is truly a tremendous asset to the school and we are extremely fortunate to have him as a member of our Hillel Academy family.

Sincerely,
Seymour Mender, president
Hillel Academy of Ottawa



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Barry Fishman

At first, the Israelis he met, especially the firefighters, had a problem understanding why he would spend his spring vacation working as a firefighter.

"Anyone who comes here to fight fires on his holiday is nuts," they told him. "Are you crazy? Why don't you stay in Canada where you are safe?" they asked, politely.

Seem like reasonable questions. So, when I asked Ottawa Fire Captain Lorne Shusterman why he would take a demotion, live in a fire station and work for 10 days as a regular firefighter in Israel, his reply was straightforward: "It is important to show our fellow Jews in Israel they are not alone. I am lucky that my many years of training allow me to be in a position to help."

To understand why Shusterman is so passionate about Israel and its fire department, you have to go back to April 2003 when he first visited Israel as part of the community mission. At a fire station in Petach Tikva, he presented the firefighters with Ottawa Fire Department t-shirts and shoulder flashes and spent time with them.

He also met Israeli Fire and Rescue Commissioner Shimon Romach. They soon became close friends when Romach visited Canada and Shusterman showed him around Ottawa.

Shusterman is well aware of the special

dangers that firefighters face when responding to fires and terrorist attacks in Israel. It didn't matter. He decided to put his more than 20 years of experience to work and, with the help of Romach, he was assigned to fire stations in Eilat and Jerusalem.

Living and working among Israeli firefighters was an eye opener. Although he believes firefighters all over the world have a special bond, to be able to "work with all Jewish guys and have shabbos dinner with them in the fire ball and never have to deal with anti-Semitism" was a unique and meaningful experience.

Shusterman quickly became part of the team by working hard and doing anything asked of him. He wanted not only to show his solidarity with the firefighters, but also to do what he could to "help them forget about [terrorist attacks] even if it was just for a few hours."

The first few days were a bit "surreal," he says, "until I got used to the tension in the air and realized that this is just the way it is."

By the end of his stay, he "felt like an Israeli, a little hyped up, knowing anything can happen and that I'd better be prepared."

He used his expertise to fight apartment and bush fires, help in car accidents and look after downed power lines. Only once

Ottawa firefighter Lorne Shusterman spends vacation fighting fires in Israel



Lorne Shusterman gets ready to join an Israeli firefighting team on a call.

did he ever worry about a possible terrorist attack. In Jerusalem, standing on the back of a fire truck stopped at a red light on the way back from fighting an apartment fire,

he looked over and saw a crowded city bus next to the fire truck. He thought, "Here we go; this is it."

Although many of the firefighters have a "tired worn-out look" from dealing with the stress of responding to terrorist attacks and fires, Shusterman is very impressed with the professionalism and the hard work of the Israel Fire and Rescue Service. Unlike in Canada, there is less manpower and no backup. There are no specialists. Everyone has to become very knowledgeable about all aspects of firefighting work.

"They are tough guys, mostly ex-army, who are very good at their job," he says. "I would put them up against any fire department in the world."

The highlight of his trip was being able to get to know some of the firefighters. Thanks to the fire van he was riding in, his hosts took him into areas in Eilat, the Negev and Jerusalem that are off limits to most.

"They would never let me pay for anything," he laughs. By the end of his stay, he "felt like one of the team."

Shusterman says he was "happy to put in his time, and show solidarity with fellow Jews."

He realizes that his situation was unique, but insists that we should all visit and "show the people of Israel they are not alone."



How I see it

Bob Dale

Canada a base for 'agents of violence'

Diverting money from government grants to an immigration agency in Toronto may pay for the plastic explosives used by a suicide bomber in Sri Lanka. Proceeds from the sale of cocaine in Edmonton may be used to purchase a high-tech sniper rifle used to kill a Colombian police officer. The aspiring martyr in the West Bank may be indoctrinated in a school paid for by a Muslim charity operating in Montreal. An Islamic fundamentalist with plans for a poison gas attack may be living in Halifax. A Hizbollah leader in Lebanon may be driving an SUV stolen in Vancouver.

Some terrorists may even be planning attacks on domestic targets. How can that be, you ask? Doesn't the rest of the world love Canada, a country that does good things for so many people around the world? Doesn't our reputation as a peace-keeper, or the fact that we are a multicultural country, mean something? No, says Thompson. Canada is viewed as an "Anglo-Saxon" country: a democracy with the same background, outlook, and vitality as other Western nations.

That reputation has attracted what Thompson calls "spiteful and envious hatred," which will almost certainly result in a major terrorist act in our country. The only questions are when it will happen and how it will be carried out.

Most Canadians are oblivious to the dangers posed by global terrorism, and its representatives who live here, gathering money and supporters, biding their time until they resume their struggle. This makes Thompson feel a bit like Cassandra of Troy when he tries to warn Canadians about terrorism. In ancient Greek literature, Cassandra received the power to foretell the future, but everybody who heard her believed they were hearing lies.

Remember, says Thompson, Osama bin Laden has stated publicly that Canada is one of the countries that deserves to be attacked. Al Qaeda, which bin Laden heads, has always made good on its threats. Furthermore, Hizbollah has said that Canada will suffer for adding its organization to the list of terrorist groups to which our *Criminal Code* will apply. Thompson likens our attitude towards these threats to the reaction when Adolph Hitler published *Mein Kampf*. The world didn't believe that it outlined Hitler's master plan, but it obviously did.

Thompson is particularly critical of our extreme focus on human rights and political correctness, at the expense of key national security concerns. That has allowed "agents of violence" to come here from other countries where they "mercilessly dominate their fellows from their home societies" (for

example, through extracting money from them), and indoctrinate Canadian-born children with "the passions of their homeland conflicts." These agents also "preach an Orwellian message that we must tolerate their intolerance." They, and the human rights industry that has grown up around them, tell us it is racist to question their motives and actions, or to engage in practices like "racial profiling," even when it can save lives. Many politicians (who rely on a growing number of votes from ethnic communities) have accepted this message.

Ever since Confederation, many Canadians have hoped that our society could be an example to the world. Most of the people who have come here, including my own grandparents, have participated in this effort. However, according to John Thompson and other experts, some recent arrivals are using our country as a place to milk resources for terrorist struggles elsewhere. We have no reason to tolerate their presence here, Thompson says.

Our ability to respond to terrorists and terrorism has improved since 9/11. At the same time, we still have a lot to do if we want to eliminate the terrorist groups and front organizations that have established themselves here to help fight the wars they should have left behind.

Terrorism in Canada? It can't happen here. That's a commonly held sentiment, and a mistaken one, says John Thompson, president of the Mackenzie Institute, an organization that conducts research on political extremism. He was a panel member at a town hall meeting on global terrorism I recently attended in Toronto.

Canadians like to think we are a tolerant nation, welcoming immigrants from all over world who adapt to our peaceful, quiet, and mannerly Canadian lives. Although all still seems well in the peaceable kingdom, things have changed dramatically, says Thompson, and we haven't been paying attention. Some newcomers, who have crept in almost unnoticed with the tide of immigrants arriving here every year, are now using Canada as a base for fighting wars in many other parts of the world.

Thompson and co-author Joe Turlej provide examples of Canada's role in global terror in their disturbing study, *Other Peoples' Wars: A Review of Terrorism in Canada*.

MAILBAG

The ten-mile walk to the end of Broadview

When the annual UJA Walkathon was introduced about 30 years ago, the distance was Chai: 18 km, 10 miles.

The walkathon became, right away, an important community fundraiser, and a social event. All generations could take part in welcoming the summer, and doing something for the community. It was fun to get pledges. Nat Palmer and later Lorry Greenberg, would collect over \$20,000.

Over the years the route has been shortened from time to time, but there was always a substantial walk. People who were not ready to walk, jog, bicycle or roller blade the whole distance, could do part of it.

This year, the name was changed: "March To Israel." Those who arrived for the event found they could make it to Israel by walking 25 minutes, at a slow pace.

It is possible to think of reasons. With the Walkathon shortened, participants and volunteers are back at the campus early, and are available to spend the rest of the day at the Aviv Festival. The organizational expense – signs, drinks, go-huts, transportation – is avoided.

These are practical considerations. They should be balanced against what is lost.

The community gains in spirit and enthusiasm when a lot of people take part together in an activity that is enjoyable and challenging. A symbolic walk is not the same thing.

Fundraising matters. In March, prospective Chai walkers received a letter saying, "Chai walkers account for the majority of monies raised at the Walkathon." A Chai walker undertakes to go the distance, and raise from sponsors a minimum of \$1,000.

Sponsors who give money this way are willing to help UJA, but they are also recognizing the commitment of the person who is willing to take on the challenge. If there is no challenge, there may be fewer Chai walkers and less money.

Traditions don't all have to be kept up forever. If the people who set priorities for our community have thought it through, and decided that a Walkathon is no longer needed, they have the authority to make that decision. But this is a tradition that has served the community well. It should be treated with respect.

Murray Citron

For over 20 years Murray Citron has been a Chai walker.

A special Tamir Shabbaton

Our son, Michael, is one of the original residents of Tamir and we have watched with much interest and amazement the growth of residential services, the supported independent living apartments, outreach activities, respite care, the Passages supported employment program, as well as social activities, and most recently the Judaic outreach program, through which several clients had the opportunity of having Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations.

Recently Congregation Beth Shalom and Tamir sponsored a Shabbaton weekend which included the Tamir clients participation in leading various prayers, being honoured with an Aliyah, delivering several D'var Torahs, Ashrei and singing familiar songs from the Friday evening service welcoming the Shabbat to the Havdalah service. As parents we "shepped much nachas" in seeing the genuine pride on the faces

of our "special" young people enjoying their Jewishness and the comradery and friendship in davening with their families and Beth Shalom congregants. This was all made possible by the dedication and loving efforts of the Tamir Judaic outreach program administered by Cantor Daniel Benlolo and Leah Smith, to whom we owe a very sincere Yasher Koaeh.

May Tamir continue to grow from strength to strength.

Jerry and Lily Penso

SJCC students deserve our praise

Recently I was invited to attend a presentation by my niece (Liat Freedman-ben Choreen) and her fellow Yitzhak Rabin High School students to the Public Service Alliance.

The topic was the responsibility of keeping human rights in the forefront of today's society.

These young future leaders and representatives of the Jewish community impressed the audience with their sincerity and commitment to the truth. In fact, the presentation had almost a therapeutic effect on the audience. Many spoke of the human rights abuses they have suffered and expressed their gratitude to the students for talking and caring about such an important issue.

The people literally left the room with the word "shalom" on their breath and in their hearts.

Congratulations to the students for their terrific presentation. I was overjoyed to know that these future leaders of our community are such good ambassadors for the Jewish community. Kudos also to Executive Director Maxine Rabinovitch for a job well done!

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Keep in mind that although playing a round can be physically and mentally exhausting, the goal of every game should be to have fun. Take in the sun and fresh air and just enjoy yourself! Whether you shoot a perfect score and bogie every hole, you should still feel a sense of satisfaction at the end of the day.

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Dershowitz is coming to town ...

The response has been overwhelming to the announcement that JNF Ottawa will host An Evening With Alan Dershowitz on Monday, November 15. The brilliant intellectual and Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard University has been described by *Newsweek* as "the nation's most peripatetic civil liberties lawyer, and one of its most distinguished defenders of individual rights." The Harvard Law School graduate quickly made a name for himself as a brilliant lawyer, professor and Constitutional scholar, ready, willing and able to take on difficult cause celebre cases. His most famous cases to date were his defence of Claus von Bulow, and his defence of O.J. Simpson. An outspoken advocate for the State of Israel, he is the author of *The Case for Israel*, and *Why Terrorism Works: Understanding the Threat, Responding to the Challenge*, two definite must-reads. We're confident that An Evening with Alan Dershowitz will be a sell-out. Keep watching the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* for details.

L'Hitraot to the Divons ...

This summer, Haim Divon, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, will be going home to Israel with his wife, Linda, and daughter, Michelle. Their stay among us has been particularly pleasant. The Divons graciously opened their home, Kinneret, to JNF Ottawa on two occasions for what proved to be two highly successful events. Throughout their stay among us, they were always accommodating, warm and welcoming. We shall miss them. We wish them every success in the future.

Hometown boy makes good ...

Longtime Ottawans will be delighted to learn that JNF Calgary, at its Negev Dinner, recently honoured native son, Alex Rubin. The son of the late Zischa and Jacob Rubin, Alex shared the honour with his brother-in-law and business partner, David Waterman. On weekends, their company, Western Canada Importers, became a fundraising centre for various community causes. Alex Rubin was stationed in Calgary with the RCAF in 1943. There he met a young Jewish sergeant who offered to introduce him to some people. One of those people was David Waterman's sister, Phyllis, whom Alex married in April, 1944. The next year, Alex attended a B'nai Brith meeting and, before he could blink, it was election night and he was voted in as secretary. He worked his way up to president of the lodge and, over the years, moved on to serve as president of the Calgary Jewish Welfare Fund, which later became the Calgary Jewish Community Council, and as co-president of the Calgary Talmud Torah. As well, he is active in helping rebuild and renovate the House of Israel Community Centre.

A dozen become B'nai Mitzvah

The parents of B'nai Mitzvah celebrants James Michael Benze, Eric Chad, Zachary Benjamin Davids, Joel Doron Hamelri, Jesse Richard Hanes, Elana Faye Norris, Morgan Steven Piltzmaker, Benjamin Reiskind, Lane Elliott Saslove, and Jared Joseph Szabadi, and the parents and grandparents of Hannah Charlotte Rackow and Braden Goodman chose to add a meaningful dimension to the milestone by inscribing their celebrant's name in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to all!

On a daily basis you can plant trees for all occasions. An attractive card is sent to the recipient. To order, call the JNF office (798-2411).



PSAC moved by YRHS student presentation

By Maxine Rabinovitch

"Do not thank us. Just tell the parents how lucky they are to have children like these," commented Ed Cashman, vice president of the National Capital Region of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) after several students of Yitzhak Rabin High School (YRHS) presented a program on racial tolerance to an executive meeting of the PSAC.

The students presented "Racial Tolerance" through poetry and songs they had written themselves. Liat Ben-Choren, a Grade 10 student, delivered an extremely compelling speech on human rights and racial tolerance. She said, "After the Holocaust the world stood up and declared 'Never Again,' and yet, we have lived to see the Rwanda genocide, bloody feuds in Africa, Malaysia, Columbia, and so many more places. How can we keep our word and yet stay silent. 'Never Again' should apply to all, not a selected few."

Daniel Friedman, a Grade 9 student and recent participant in the Asper Foundation Holocaust and Human Rights Studies Program visit to Washington, talked about the impact the experience had had on his life. He said the Holocaust had been an "abstract concept" until his visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum brought it all to life. He now has a better understanding of what it was like for the six million and feels the experience was an "epiphany" for him.

The presentation was like a catharsis for the



Racial tolerance through poetry and song was the theme of the recent Yitzhak Rabin High School presentation to executive members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

PSAC members to talk about their life experiences. Many had difficulty holding back tears.

A man from Rwanda talked about how touched he was by the human rights violations the students had addressed, and related some of his own experiences of the genocide.

An aboriginal talked about the "attempted cultural genocide" in Cold Lake, Alberta.

Another delegate reported she was a Métis who was searching for her roots and discussed how racial intolerance inhibited her search.

One woman, with voice trembling, told of her father, a Second World War veteran, who lived with nightmares and horrible post-traumatic experiences for years. It wasn't until she was 30 years old that he began to speak to her about his experiences.

Another person talked of his father's experiences liberating the "camps" after the war.

One woman, an Afro-Canadian, asked if the issues of black slavery are ever addressed in the classroom. It was explained that

YRHS celebrated Black History Month last year by bringing in Owen Thomas, an historian with Parks Canada, to talk about the Underground Railroad and black slavery. The woman was in awe of this. She told one of the student's parents that she does "not have to fight for what is right for the rest of her life, [since] she knows these young people will do it for her."

Many other human rights issues and concerns were openly discussed. The question and answer period ended with a rousing standing ovation for the students.

The students were asked if they would consider participating in "Lunch and Learn" sessions at different government departments.

Maxine Rabinovitch is the executive director of Yitzhak Rabin High School.

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Vaad 2004 AGM

Community has much to be proud of

By Diane Koven

The Ottawa Jewish community is, indeed, going from strength to strength. As evidenced by speaker after speaker and volunteer after volunteer at the recent annual general meeting of the Vaad Ha'Ir, we have a great deal to be proud of.

On June 2, 2004 a large contingent of committed members of the community attended the 70th annual meeting of its governing body. While changes in format and administration have taken place over the years, the basic goals have remained the same.

"We are the central Jewish organization in Ottawa," said Mitchell Bellman, executive director. "We aim to preserve and enrich Jewish life in Ottawa, Canada, Israel and in Jewish communities in distress around the world. We raise funds for Jewish causes and we allocate funds to organizations that carry out our objectives. We plan for the evolving needs of the community. We represent the community as a whole."

As he reported on the many achievements of our community during the past year, Bellman had warm praise for both the volunteers and professional staff who made it all happen. "The vision of our founders has proven to be a great success," he said. "We are indeed more than just the sum of our parts. We are the envy of many other religious and ethnic groups. We have developed a community that cares for one another, is compassionate, creative and generous."

In his President's Report, Arnie Vered enumerated some of the many accomplishments of community members and organizations over the past year and thanked the volunteers and professional staff for working so hard to make it all happen. "... I am very proud to be the president of this wonderful Jewish Community of Ottawa. And so should you all be proud of these remarkable achievements and the many more that occurred this



Ottawa Jewish community award winners (from left to right): Sarah Beutel, Naomi Cracower and Stephen Greenberg.
(Photo: Robert Weitzmann)

year but I do not have the time to list ..." he said. He also recognized the efforts of Robert Greenberg, 2004 general chair of the UJA campaign who has agreed to remain for the next year, and Bonnie Merovitz, 2004 chair of the UJA Women's campaign who is completing her second term.

Ronen Gil-Or, Deputy Head of Mission at the embassy of Israel, brought greetings to the community on behalf of the State of Israel.

Community awards to three outstanding volunteers were presented at the meeting. A. J. Freiman presented the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award to Sarah Beutel who came to Ottawa from Montreal in 1991. She continued to give of herself in her new community as she had in her hometown where she also won a volunteer award. Beutel was also the recipient of the Lawrence Greenberg Young Leadership Development Award for community leaders under the age of forty. This award will enable her to attend the next General Assembly, to be held in Cleveland.

The second annual winner of the Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award was Naomi Lipsky Cracower. In presenting the award to his friend and neighbour, Gerry Levitz said, "If you want some help in getting something done in the Ottawa Jewish communi-

ty, you call Naomi." Indeed, as she noted in her own remarks, Lipsky Cracower has been involved in Jewish communal work in Ottawa for 32 years, since arriving here from Montreal. Well known among other things for being a permanent supply teacher at Hillel Academy for 24 years, from which she will be retiring this month, she has enjoyed the time spent educating young people. "Only through the strength of a cohesive community... can we assure a strong future for our children," she said.

Stephen Greenberg, recipient of The Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, was presented with it by his cousins Robert and Roger Greenberg. "What probably separates Steve from most people is his inner drive to succeed," said Robert Greenberg. "Steve possesses many of the qualities of the previous generation and I know that many of those who came before us are looking down tonight with pride."

All three award recipients credited their parents with instilling the volunteer spirit in them and thanked their spouses and children for their support in enabling them to give so much of themselves to the community.

Officers and Trustees of the Vaad were elected for the coming year and refreshments were served following the formal proceedings.

Toronto musical stars local woman

By Katy Peplinskie

Who would've thought a story about having to pee could become the number one Broadway show in New York, then leak across the border to become a smash hit in Toronto?

But that's exactly what happened to *Urinetown, The Musical*, the Tony Award winning musical where everyone has to use public, pay-for-use washrooms to relieve themselves after big business teams up with government to cash in on a 20-year drought crisis.

The play is packed with catchy songs borrowed from movies like *Top Gun* and *West Side Story*, and

boasts a top-notch cast.

But maybe best of all is the performance of Jennifer Waizer. She's the Ottawa-born actress who plays street-smart Little Sally. You might know Waizer from her days acting in theatrical productions put on by the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre Theatre-works.

In *Urinetown*, Officer Lockstock says, "Nothing can kill a show like too much exposition." Little Sally responds, "How about bad subject matter? Or a bad title? That could kill a show pretty good."

But unlike Little Sally, Waizer wasn't scared by the



Jennifer Waizer

title of the production. "I'm a pretty liberal person," she says, "so the name didn't faze me."

Plus, she had seen the play three years before and had loved it, so she knew what she was in store for.

"This might sound clichéd, but *Urinetown* is the most intriguing, intelligent show I've ever seen," she says.

"The comedy is absurd, hilarious and hysterical, the music is great, the characters are vibrant, and the show is just really fantastical," she adds.

Waizer says the audience leaves the theater with the realistic message that people can overcome most obstacles if they stick together, but sometimes, no matter how hard they try, things won't turn out right.

Urinetown is now playing at Toronto's Bluma Appel Theater. Tickets are between \$58.93 and \$75.93 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.

Ottawa Fringe Festival

Connection between science and Judaism

By Katy Peplinskie

She aspires to be a punk rocker, idolizes Roberta Bondar, adopts the fake name Paisley Kite and runs away from a "discover Israel" trip to explore the country on her own terms.

She is Nina Finkelman, the main character of *Swimming Lessons with Paisley Kite*, a play being showcased at Ottawa's Fringe Festival at the end of June. The show traces Nina's search for a balance between science and religion.

It is a multi-disciplinary one-woman show that uses traditional storytelling techniques to introduce the audience to a whole cast of characters as seen from the perspective of the play's 16-year-old heroine.

The play is the brainchild of Emily Pearlman, the show's playwright and star. An Ottawa-native, Pearlman is maybe best known to Ottawa residents as the co-founder of Youth Infringement, Ottawa's student-operated theatre festival.

Pearlman says her inspiration for *Swimming Lessons* came during a trip she took to Greece not long ago. She "hit a mountain of waves" and was overcome by a feeling of religious awe. Pearlman's goal became to "create a connection [with the audience,] and touch them" in the same way she was touched in



Emily Pearlman portrays Nina Finkelman, the main character of *Swimming Lessons with Paisley Kite*.

Greece. She also hopes it teaches people "how a spiritual connection can be universal, and can be in harmony with science."

The play is directed by Courtney Lognes, and designed and illustrated by Logal MacDonald and Jerry Ropson. It is presented by the

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New UJA and OJCF director looking to build community

By Gabi Meranda

The Officers of the Vaad Ha'Ir and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation are pleased to welcome Jack Silverstein as the new director of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

Originally from London, Ontario, Jack comes to the Ottawa Jewish community, along with his wife, Sarah and their 15-month old son, David, with many years of experience in all areas of fundraising including donor stewardship, planned giving, and campaign management.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to marry my two passions - Judaism and building community (fundraising)," says Silverstein. "Ottawa is a great place to come and raise a family. While I have been on the job for a short while, I have been thoroughly impressed with the dedication of the volunteers and look forward to meeting many more community members."

After serving in senior positions with both Carleton University and the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, each in the area of financial resource development, Silverstein most recently served as the Director of Gift Planning with the Ottawa Hospital



Jack Silverstein

Foundation, where he managed the day-to-day operations of the \$100-million Legacy Campaign.

Silverstein's community involvement was cultivated in his hometown of London, where he served as vice-chairman of the Canadian Cancer Society Residential Campaign from 1990-1993, and continued during his time in Hamilton, Ontario where he served as a member of the board of governors for Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Jack Silverstein, director of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation can be reached at 798-4696, ext. 246 or silverstein@jccottawa.com.

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Manji, Abella speak at UIA national women's conference

By Diane Koven

Over a year of hard work went into planning the recent national women's leadership conference held in Ottawa. It was all worth it when the local planning committee was able to see the fruits of their labour as they welcomed over 110 women from coast to coast.

Many Voices One Vision: Canadian Jewish Women Speak, a three-day conference sponsored by UIA Federations of Canada, featured a wide array of speakers from Canada and Israel, as well as workshops and panel discussions, for an action-packed learning experience.

Donna Dolansky, conference chair, credited her hard-working committee for their great cooperation in developing, along with the national steering committee and UIA professionals, a first-rate program. Roz Fremeth, Ingrid Levitz, Bonnie Merovitz and Marjorie Feldman headed the subcommittees that made it all happen, she said. "They really were a hand-picked committee and they were excellent; they enjoyed doing the job and it showed."

One of the highlights of the conference was a luncheon held on Parliament Hill. "People from out of town really appreciated the lunch being on Parliament Hill," said Dolansky. Best-selling author Irshad Manji, who has just received the first annual Oprah Winfrey "Chutzpah Award," spoke at the luncheon. She described her life as a Muslim woman who dares to question her own religion. As a young child growing up in Vancouver, in a family that had been refugees from Idi Amin's

Uganda, Manji attended weekend classes in Islam where she recalls being taught that women are inferior and Jews are evil. Even at the age of eight she questioned both premises, a bold move that heralded the beginning of a lifetime of questioning.

"Where is the evidence for the so-called Jewish conspiracy against Islam?" she asked. The ability to question her religion seems to have been lost, although Manji noted that "in the early decades of Islam, 135 schools of Muslim thought existed." Unwilling to blindly accept what the imams told her, she has spent years in study and a personal quest for meaning without abandoning Islam. Though criticized by fellow Muslims, mainly men, Manji says she is "not a self-hating Muslim," but simply wants to reconcile her religion with her moral beliefs.

Manji challenged Canadian women, who have the luxury of freedom of speech and thought, to "join me in expecting more of Islam. Join me in asking more of Muslims by doing this...you will be showing more faith in our capacity to think things through than our clerics currently give us credit for. You will be showing faith in our ability to be thoughtful and caring because we are capable of it."

The keynote speaker at the conference, Madame Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella, spoke about "Why Rights Matter," discussing the differences between human rights and civil liberties. With historical and literary references, and sharing her own family's personal story of loss and escape from the Holocaust,

she emphasized that human tragedies abound in the world today.

"We have made remarkable progress and we are immeasurably ahead of where we were 50 years ago in many ways, but we have not learned the most important lesson – how to prevent the abuses," she said. Instead of lamenting past injustices, we must learn to stop them before they occur. "Where injustice is preventable, it should be pre-



Irshad Manji

vented when it is first identified," she said.

Throughout the three-day conference, participants attended panel discussions and workshops on fundraising and heard from Marlene Catterall, MP for Ottawa West; Ruth Bar-On, executive director of SELAH – The Israel Crisis Management Center; Barbara Crook, North American representative of the Palestinian Media Watch; student activists; UIA professionals and other volunteers who shared their experiences.

They also visited the Jewish Community Campus, had a tour of the tulips, and enjoyed home hospitality at the home of Dorothy and Herb Nadolny.

According to Dolansky, the goal of the conference was to expose the delegates to as much material and information as possible so that they could return to their centres invigorated and armed with knowledge and insights to share with their home communities.

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A Shabbaton to remember

By Teena Hendleman

While tulips and crab apple trees were in bloom outside, a special new partnership was blossoming inside Congregation Beth Shalom Synagogue. On May 14-15, Tamir participants, families and friends joined with Beth Shalom congregants and visitors for their first joint Shabbaton.

With Cantor Daniel Benlolo in a dual role as Judaic advisor for Tamir and the cantor for Beth Shalom and Leah Smith as Judaic coordinator for Tamir, the davening partnership that developed was so natural.

It all began on Erev Shabbat, with light refreshments followed by a short orientation and time for questions by Tamir participants and parents. This naturally led the group into lighting of Shabbat candles and evening services with Tamir participation. An incredible feeling permeated the room. Everyone present was sensitive to the significance and meaning of this special Shabbat. After Shabbat dinner, Shirley Harris and Claire Zloten graced the evening with their D'vrei Torah followed by songs and stories about family traditions.

Shabbat morning services were truly a joint event with Cantor Benlolo leading the davening, calling up his Tamir protégés, and leading the inaugural performance of the new Beth Shalom choir. The choir includes Tamir participants, Shira Ottawa singers and Beth Shalom choristers – a great sounding melange of voices. Kol



Tamir and Congregation Beth Shalom partner for a Shabbaton.

Hakavod to Jason Kershman and Meredith Caplan who shared D'vrei Torah they had written, Michael Caplan, Tamir parent, who chanted Haftarah and to Debbie Applebaum who led the congregation in the responsive singing of Ashrei.

It is evident that Cantor Benlolo's influence has resulted in a high comfort level for both Tamir and Beth Shalom. Tamir participants are at ease in ascending the Bimah for the various synagogue honours such as receiving an Aliyah, dressing the Torah and leading prayers. The people who attend services are at ease, knowing that these honours are understood and respected and will be carried out with 'Ahavat Israel.' All felt enriched by the spiritual experience of Shabbat in a truly inclusive and loving community. Of course, when services ended, the entire community shared a wonderful Kiddush luncheon.

For the Tamir participants, their families and some congregants, the Shab-

baton continued in the late afternoon starting with a discussion that ranged across a variety of subjects such as family traditions, various levels of Jewish observance and individual choices, the Ten Commandments and their importance in daily Jewish life.

Tamir participated in the Mincha services, the Seudah Shlishet (3rd meal), and then the Shabbaton concluded with Arvit (evening ser-

vices) and Havdalah.

This was truly a fantastic and uplifting Shabbat for all who attended. Tamir participants are still talking about it. The Tamir Judaic program is succeeding in spreading Jewish joy among the participants and families of Tamir as well as in the synagogues across the city that partner with Tamir. All who support the program benefit from it, the Tamir participants especially.

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AVIV Festival: a celebration of community

By Gabe Meranda

After months of intense planning and incalculable prayers for the skies to remain calm, the AVIV Jewish Festival and March to Israel Walkathon ultimately provided the Jewish community of Ottawa with an opportunity to celebrate being Jewish.

Over a thousand people took part in the daylong festivities sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa (UJA), and made possible by a large number of enthusiastic and committed volunteers who embody the spirit of the Ottawa Jewish community.

The March to Israel attracted families, friends, agencies and pets from all over the city to march as one community.

A primary goal of the March, according to Co-chair Jackie Barwin, was "to show our support for the community by walking together and to raise much-needed funds to ensure that our community is one of which we can be proud."

To ensure a day of fun, festival organizers were sure to cater to the variety of ages in attendance by offering lively music, a vast array of ethnic food, and a carnival where children were able to enjoy an assortment of toys and games.

Jack Silverstein, the new director of the UJA, expressed tremendous satisfaction with the AVIV Festival as a genuine community building opportunity.



The March to Israel

A wonderful display of community solidarity

(Photo: Howard Sandler)

factation with the AVIV Festival as a genuine community building opportunity.

"Our community coming together – and enjoying – the march, the kids zone, and the wonderful marketplace, shows us that there is tremendous growth potential for this festival in both attendance and in dollars raised for our community."

Indeed, although Silverstein is quick to thank this year's festival sponsors: Loblaw's, The NewRO, the Ottawa Citizen, The Bear, the Ottawa Renegades, and Minto Developments, plans are already under way to secure a still greater number of corporate and community sponsors to ensure that next year's festival will be even stronger.

Although donations and pledges are still being calculated at this time, all funds raised will be directed towards assisting a wide-range of agencies in the Ottawa Jewish community, and around the world.

An event such as this

does not occur without the dedication of many committee members that were led by Ellen Fathi, chair of the 2004 AVIV Jewish Festival, and Deputy Chairs Jane and Martin Gordon. Each of these volunteers contributed hundreds of hours to help ensure that the day was memorable.

If you would like more information about events in the community and to see photos of the 2004 AVIV Jewish Festival, please click www.jewishottawa.org.

Ottawa Israeli Film Festival

Diverse films to be screened

By Katy Peplinskie

Zulu preachers, forbidden love, the murder of a porn actress, and university life in Tel Aviv – what do these things have in common? They are all topics explored at Ottawa's Israeli Film Festival.

The Canadian Film Institute, in collaboration with the Embassy of Israel, will host this festival at the end of the month. It is a celebration of contemporary films from Israel's cinema.

The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin was given a sneak preview of *The Wisdom of the Pretzel*, a vibrant film premiering on Sunday, June 27 at 7:00 pm.

It focuses on the life of Golan, a twenty-something man who has never been able to commit to anything in his life. He is obsessed with the concept of living his life as fully as possible, and never missing an opportunity for pleasure since "everyone dies, but not everyone lives." However, he starts to learn

that if he doesn't settle down, he will truly be missing out on the best things in life, like a committed, loving relationship.

On June 27, at 9:00 pm, *Trumpet in the Wadi* will also be shown. This film details the life of a Jewish man in Haifa who fancies an Arab-Christian woman, much to everyone's chagrin.

The previous week, on June 20, *James' Journey to Jerusalem* and *The Barbeque People* will be shown. In *James' Journey*, the main character becomes a slave to Israel's harsh economic system, and realizes Israel is not the spiritual entity of which he had always dreamed.

The Barbeque People focuses on a family's celebration during the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence.

All the films contain a large dose of Hebrew with English subtitles.

Tickets to each film are \$6 for CFI members, children and seniors, and \$9 for

everyone else. Tickets can only be purchased a half-hour before the show at the National Library and Archives Auditorium, 395 Wellington Street.

Following the screening of *Trumpet in the Wadi*, the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation and the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir will host a reception.

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It's a girl!

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Israel Mission 2004

Israeli hospital treats Palestinian children suffering from heart disease

By Barry Bokhaut

Pick up any newspaper or watch any television news program, and you will see the images of an aggressive Israeli army: heavily armed soldiers entering the disputed territories, bullying and intimidating Palestinian residents and bulldozing homes. I came to believe that this attitude had become commonplace, and that this action was unavoidable and regrettable, but necessary and justifiable because of the need for security and self-preservation.

I wondered what my experience would be when I visited Israel and met those being oppressed by Israeli actions. Surprisingly, my first contact with Palestinians was not in the West Bank or in some Arab town. It was at the Wolfson Medical Centre in Cholon, a suburb of Tel Aviv. I visited SACH, the Save A Child's Heart program. The hospital has excess capacity in their pediatric cardiac surgery program. Instead of trying to close down the facility, as they have at the Ottawa children's hospital, the hospital chose to open a program to treat children from third world and developing coun-

tries who are in need of cardiac surgery. It is now the largest undertaking of this type in the world. Children whose parents do not have the finances or access to medical care in their home country are brought to Israel for surgery.

We met some of the children who had just completed surgery. They and their guardians had come from China, Eritrea and Ethiopia. We couldn't communicate with them because of language, but they communicated their excitement at being given a chance at life, and a new hope for a future.

I was moved to tears by the plight of the children waiting for treatment in the Intensive Care Unit.

There was a child from Zanzibar, alone because no one was available to accompany him to Israel. He was emaciated, and looked about six years old, although he was close to 12. He was struggling to breathe while watching a cartoon, The Lion King, in Hebrew, a language he did not understand, surrounded by machines that poked and prodded him and by medical staff that could communicate with him only

when a translator was available. He had such courage.

An Iraqi infant, only a few months old, lay on a bed, totally covered by wires, tubes and sensors. He had been born with a severe cardiac abnormality, complicated by a major infection. He had been in intensive care virtually from the time he was born.

We smiled at a Palestinian child, about age three, looking very small in the large intensive care unit bed. She was under the careful watch of her mother. Fully 50 per cent of the children treated by the hospital come from the West Bank. I wondered what the mother thought about Israel and Israelis, as she trusted the life of her child to Israeli doctors. Did she believe the fabricated stories of Israeli atrocities that are taught to school children? And when she grows up, what will this child feel about Israelis, who were saving her life. Would these life saving efforts be dismissed, or be put down as Israeli propaganda?

There are international fundraising programs to support SACH's activities. The medical staff assists by donating their time; all procedures they do are over and above their normal workload. Costs not covered by donation for medical care and the hostel for the parents or guardians, which amounts to about \$10,000 per patient, are absorbed by the Israeli taxpayer.

A child's life is saved every 29 hours because of the SACH program. I wonder why humanitarian and compassionate acts of kindness by Israel are not more widely reported in the media. Would it distort the image of an unfeeling and uncaring Israel that the media has so unfairly developed?

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Israel Mission 2004

Mission visits grave of Ottawa-born Israeli war hero

By Barbara Greenberg

The UJA mission to Israel was organized to foster a connection between Ottawa and Israel. It had a special meaning for me, connecting me not only to Israel, but to my family and its history.

I knew that the uncle I had been named after had gone to Israel and fought and died during the War of Independence. I didn't know much more than that, as my mother didn't speak of her brother. During the mission, I learned just how courageous he was in sacrificing his life for the defence of the new country, and how much of a hero he is to Israelis.

My uncle, Benny Boguslovsky, was born in Ottawa in 1922. He developed a keen sense of Zionism in his teens, and joined the Shomer Hatzair Jewish youth movement, based in Montreal.

At age 20, he joined the merchant navy as a means of getting to Palestine, then left his ship when it docked in Egypt.

Benny met Jewish soldiers in Cairo, and showing them a Hebrew songbook that he carried with him, convinced them of his desire for Palestine. They helped smuggle him there.

He joined a kibbutz, married, had a child, and worked the land.



Barbara Greenberg and Mission participants at her uncle's gravesite. (Photo: Sandy Granatstein)

But there was another side to Benny. He joined the Palmach and worked with Aliyah Bet, a covert immigration movement that brought Jewish refugees to Palestine.

In 1948, the Palmach asked him to join a special mission smuggling armaments, medical supplies and other provisions to the Kibbutz Gush Etzion that was surrounded by Arab villages.

Thirty-five men, laden with heavy knapsacks, made a first attempt, under the cover of darkness, but were unsuccessful. They planned a second attempt, despite warnings they were leaving very late and might not be able to make it before sunrise. Unwilling to leave

the kibbutz unprotected, they set off.

The group was spotted at daybreak by Arab villagers just before they reached the Gush, and were attacked. Heavily outnumbered, they refused to surrender, and fought to the last man. An Arab villager describes the end of the battle: out of ammunition, the last man threw stones at his attackers.

On Yom Hazikaron, the day of remembrance for the soldiers of Israel, our mission visited the military cemetery at Har Herzl. All members of the group, known as the Lamed Hey, or 35 in Hebrew, are buried there, in a beautiful, tranquil setting. Benny's widow, Chana, my aunt, now 80 years old attended. We

were proud when we read the inscription on his gravestone, "Born in Ottawa." Our Ottawa group placed flowers on his grave, a most fitting tribute.

The story of the Lamed Hey and its Ottawa connection is virtually unknown in Canada. In Israel, all school children learn of the heroism of the 35 and their courage and sacrifice for the establishment and protection of Israel.

I spent time in Israel after the mission departed to visit the memorial under construction to the Lamed Hey, located on the hills near Gush Etzion. The Hebrew letters, Lamed and Hey are built of solid concrete with a black facing, and there are 35 pillars rising around the letters, at different heights. The effect, 35 separate columns uniting to form a single unit, is symbolic of a chanukiah and a festival that pays tribute to heroic fighters of long ago. There are plans to complete the memorial and the small stone plaza in front of it. Sadly, construction of the memorial was halted because of insufficient funds to complete the project. What has been built so far is falling into disrepair.

I spoke with the memorial society of the Lamed Hey, a registered charity that would appreciate any contributions for the memorial's completion. I have already made a pledge. Those wishing to honour the contribution an Ottawa boy made for Israel may wish to do the same by calling Jack Silverstein, director of UJA/OJCF (798-4696, ext.246).

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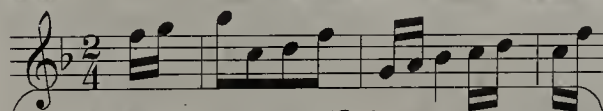
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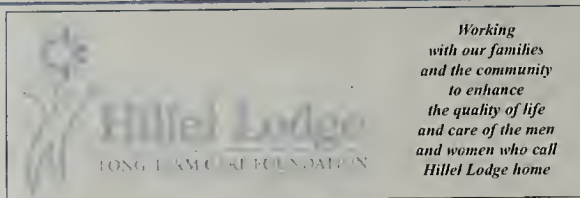
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Women give Shavuot classes at orthodox synagogue

By Boh Dale

Any thoughts that Orthodox Judaism discriminates against women were put to rest at a remarkable event that took place at Congregation Beth Shalom West on the second day of Shavuot.

That's when two outstanding young women, Lila Kagedan and Andrea Wershof, gave classes exploring various aspects of women and Judaism to members of the west end congregation, several of whom were their former teachers at local day schools.

Lila, daughter of Ian and Shoshana Kagedan, talked about a common misconception in the Orthodox community, namely that women are exempt from prayer. Women are obligated to pray, and should be encouraged to do so by the Orthodox Rabbinate. Those who oppose efforts by women to participate in public prayer, either by themselves or in women's *tefillah* groups, run the potential risk of losing them from the community entirely.

Andrea, daughter of Peter and Minda Wershof, spoke about Ruth, the great-grand-



Lila Kagedan

mother of King David. The main focus of her discussion was on why Ruth is still referred to as Moabite in biblical texts even after her conversion to Judaism and her famous declaration of faith ("Your people shall be my people, your God my God").

"I'm really proud of Lila and Andrea," beamed Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, the congregation's spiritual leader, quickly adding that he had taught both when they were students at Yitzchak Rabin High School. "This is the first time, in my almost 30 years of teaching, that I have had the pleasure of hearing two of my students give *shiurim* (classes) in Jewish thought and law."

"In addition, to my



Andrea Wershof

knowledge, this is the first time an event like this has taken place in an Orthodox synagogue in Ottawa," he continued, noting that the classes complemented what Beth Shalom West stands for as an Orthodox institution.

Lila Kagedan holds a BA (Honours) in Jewish Studies

from the University of Toronto and she is currently an MEd student at OISE in curriculum development. Andrea Wershof recently graduated from Columbia University with an Honours BA in history; and from the Jewish Theological Seminary with an Honours BA and MA, both in Bible.

Congregation Beth Shalom West is a modern Orthodox synagogue located in Craig Henry, in the former City of Nepean. The synagogue is planning a number of exciting events, beginning this fall, in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

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Tamir Judaic Outreach Summer Schedule July - August 2004

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Date	Program	Place	Time
Wednesdays Starts July 7	Music Appreciation & Fun Rena & Leah	Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadelny Sachs Private	6:00 - 7:00
Wednesdays Starts July 7	Fun & Games Rena & Leah	Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadelny Sachs Private	7:00 - 8:00
Thursdays	Sing & Play Along Rena Herman	840 Broadway Fun for Everyone	3:30 - 4:30
Thursdays Starts July 8	Drama & Improve Rena & Leah	Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadelny Sachs Private	6:00 - 7:00
Thursdays Starts July 8	Arts & Crafts Rena & Leah	Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadelny Sachs Private	7:00 - 8:00
Thursday July 15	JCC Member Appreciation \$5:00 - \$7:00	BBQ & Pool Party SJCC Outdoor Pool	5:00 - 7:00
Sunday July 18	Tisha B'Av RSVP	Rideau Regional Smiths Falls	11:00 - 3:00
Thursday July 22	Annual Baseball Game & BBQ (Rain or Shine)	SJCC Field 840 Broadway	4:30 - 6:00 6:00 - 7:30
Friday July 23	Community Shabbat Dinner RSVP	Merissa Loeb 55 Wellington Road	5:30 - 8:30
Wednesday August 11	JCC Member Appreciation \$5:00 - \$7:00	BBQ & Pool Party SJCC Outdoor Pool	5:00 - 7:00
Sunday August 15	Jewish Music RSVP	Rideau Regional Smiths Falls	11:00 - 3:00
Friday August 27	Community Shabbat Dinner RSVP	Vicky Ferkin 2 Watts Street	5:30 - 8:30
Sunday August 29	Tamir Annual Picnic Everyone is Invited	Andrew Hayden Park Gazeho Site	2:00 - 5:00

Noted sex therapist guest speaker at year-end meeting of OHW

Noted sex therapist Sue McGarvie will help Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO launch another steamy summer by speaking to its closing general meeting Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30 pm in the Simcha Room, Congregation Agudath Israel.

McGarvie's topic, "Keeping it Hot," will focus on how to keep relationships fresh.

The evening will also feature presentation of the "Esther" Awards to women nominated by each chapter and the Lillian Freiman Award to a deserving chapter.

Author and media personality Sue McGarvie was recently recognized by *Ottawa Life* magazine as one the "top 50" in Ottawa - "people doing the right thing for the right reason and inspiring others to have the courage to do the same

in their lives." She has been named a "Women of Distinction," the I.H. Asper "Broadcast Entrepreneur of the Year" and the "Business and Professional Women's Association Woman of the Year."

She is currently on the boards of directors of several organizations including UNIFEM - part of the United Nations Association of Canada, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation campaign cabinet and the Shirley E. Greenberg Women's Health Centre. Copies of McGarvie's latest book, *Quivering Jello*, will be available for sale.

Tickets are \$10 and coffee and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For further information, please call the Hadassah-WIZO office (798-7644) or Sandy Bennett (836-6177).



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Cindy Feingold

The pineapple is a symbol of hospitality. What better fruit to serve as summer begins and we open our homes to entertain friends and family.

I find that I am more sociable in the summer months.

"More sociable than what," my husband often asks, but that's a topic for another column. I usually hibernate during the winter but feel ready to see people again as soon as the weather turns nice.

Two years ago, my friend Lynnie made a mango-red pepper salsa at our cottage. We couldn't get enough of it and ate it every weekend. But, by Labour Day we were sick of it and so I devised a similar recipe using pineapple and mangoes. It is sure to become a summer classic at my cottage this year. When a craving for salsa and chips hits, resist the urge to reach for a jar of store-bought salsa and take the time to prepare this salsa. Your efforts will be worth the result.

Just a few comments about choosing the fruit for this salsa. Pineapples are picked when ripe and therefore do not ripen after harvest. Many grocery stores now carry the Maui Hawaiian Gold or the Del Monte Golden pineapple. It costs

several dollars more than the regular variety of pineapple, but you are guaranteed to get a pineapple that is extra sweet, lower in acidity and delicious every time. Before this variety of pineapple was introduced, I threw out at least half the pineapples I bought because they were so sour.

Many stores also sell the Golden pineapples already peeled and cored. This convenience comes at a cost, but if you are strapped for time, it's worth it.

Mangoes, unlike pineapple, continue to ripen after picking. When choosing mangoes, colour is irrelevant. Good mangoes may be green, orange, yellow or red. It is the texture that is important. Ripe mangoes are slightly soft.

The mangoes we see most commonly in the grocery store are from Mexico. They are usually greenish in colour and firm when purchased. After several days on your counter, they are ripe and ready for eating.

Pineapple-Mango Salsa

This salsa is delicious served as an appetizer with tortilla chips. It is also a wonderful accompaniment to grilled chicken or fish. This recipe contains a fair amount of red onion. If the onion seems very strongly flavoured, you can soak it in a bowl of ice water for about 30 minutes, after dicing. Then drain and squeeze diced onion well to get rid of any excess moisture.

- 1/2 fresh pineapple, peeled, cored and diced into 1/4 inch pieces
- 2 ripe mangoes, preferably the Ataulfo variety, peeled and diced into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1/2 red onion, peeled and diced into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1-2 jalapenos, seeded and very finely diced (use more or less depending on your heat tolerance)
- 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped mint
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients and mix together well. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate and serve within 24 hours.

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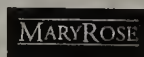
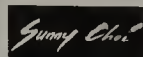
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Grilled Pineapple

This recipe comes from Bobby Flay (www.foodtv.com). I do not like rum, so I made it without and it was still wonderful. Our cottage grocery store does not stock mascarpone cheese, so we just served it with vanilla ice cream.

- 6 ounces unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup dark rum (optional)
- 1 ripe pineapple
- 9 ounces mascarpone cheese
- 1 vanilla bean, seeds scraped or 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Melt butter, sugar and rum in a small saucepan. Set aside.

With a large knife, cut top off pineapple. Turn pineapple and slice off bottom end. Stand pineapple up on cutting board and cut down around the fruit to remove the peel in long slices. Try to follow the curved outline of the fruit as much as possible. Slice pineapple into 1/4 inch thick slices.

Grill pineapple on both sides, over medium heat, until golden brown, about 2-3 minutes per side.

Whisk together mascarpone and vanilla seeds or vanilla extract. Top each pineapple slice with a spoonful of butter-rum sauce and a dollop of vanilla mascarpone or a scoop of vanilla ice cream and serve.

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The many faces of genius: Biographies, Part 2



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Albert Einstein

By Stephanie Sammartino McPherson

Kar-Ben Publishing 2003

48 pps. Ages 7 - 10

Ordinary Genius: The Story of Albert Einstein

By Stephanie Sammartino McPherson

Carolrhoda Books 1995

96 pps. Ages 9 - 14

As someone who is scientifically challenged, I inevitably found explanations of Einstein's remarkable theories passing me by. No more! In both biographies of Einstein (a playful presentation for younger readers; a more mature presentation for older readers), Stephanie Sammartino McPherson's explanations are clear, concise, even fun.

But then, she had the wisdom to start her exploration of Einstein's life and ways of thinking with his lifelong child-like curiosity: asking questions; pushing limits, even if that meant being kicked out of school; zeroing in on his interests and strengths and pursuing them come what may.

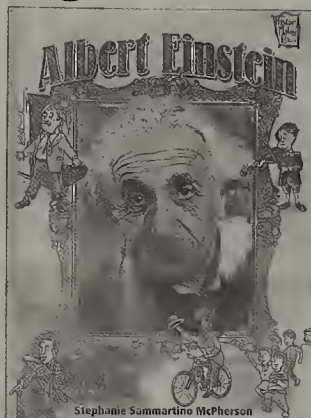
These are only some of the manifestations of Einstein's style of learning that resulted in him winning the Nobel Prize for Physics relatively early in his career. Other scientists proved Einstein's theories. Others developed their practical implications.

But it was Einstein, by theorizing and doing the math, who laid the bases for so much that became modern and post-modern society, be it television, the atomic bomb, or current cosmological findings of an expanding universe.

Although McPherson doesn't make the connection, she sets the stage for readers to conclude that it was curiosity and his sense of fair play, as well as his love of learning, that eventually led Einstein to become so deeply involved with things Jewish, especially the establishment of what became the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the rescue of Jewish scholars from the Nazis.

Einstein always asked the questions "why" and "what." He always identified with the outcast, having been one himself. Above all, he always had an inherent sense of self – as a questioner, a theoretical mathematician and physicist, a dreamer and absent-minded professor, a lover of sailing, hiking, playing the violin. He always encouraged children to play and to question.

Writing with humour, sensitivity and an unusual degree of reader-friendly age-appropriate clarity, in each biography McPherson weaves these selves into a fascinating account of Einstein the person and Einstein the "genius." A remarkable achievement in such short formats.



From Albert Einstein

Steven Spielberg

By Tom Powers

Lerner Publications Company 2000

128 pps. Ages 9 - 14

Because Tom Powers' biography of Steven Spielberg is so focused on Spielberg the movie-maker, it is almost uni-dimensional in scope. By age 14 Steven had zeroed in on his life's work. Step by step, movie-by-movie, in loving, though brief detail, this book traces Spielberg's professional journey to preeminence.

But what about Spielberg the person? Surely there is more to him than persistence and professionalism. Spielberg didn't suddenly wake up one morning with the passion and vision necessary to make such thought-provoking masterpieces as *Schindler's List* and *Saving Private Ryan*.

A more holistic portrayal of Spielberg the man is clearly needed. Nevertheless, young movie lovers will undoubtedly find this biography a satisfying read.

Mr. Blue Jeans

A Story about Levi Strauss

By Maryann N. Weidt

Illustrated by Lydia M. Anderson

Carolrhoda Books, Inc. 1990

64 pps. Ages 7 - 10

When I was a teen, the words 'Levis' and 'jeans' were synonymous. There was no other manufacturer of those sturdy, rivet-pocketed denim pants worn by cowboys, miners, farmers, non-uniformed labourers and teens. Teens loved them. Parents hated them. What could be better?

Mr. Blue Jeans: A Story about Levi Strauss is the story of that remarkable manufacturing and marketing achievement, and of the Jewish boy who came to the United States in 1847 as a peddler and became a leading citizen of a young San Francisco.

Levi Strauss's story encompasses family loyalty, high adventure, an uncanny ability plus the chutzpah to get along with all sorts of people in all sorts of place, and to recognize and seize opportunities. In today's terms, his social I.Q. and entrepreneurial I.Q. were phenomenal.

But what this book shows repeatedly is Levi's *menchlikite*. It was his adherence to the values he had learned as a young boy in a tiny village near the German/Austrian border that really set him apart. Frontier rowdies recognized an honest man who sold them quality goods that got better and better.

Weidt's descriptions of the times are realistic as is her portrayal of Levi Strauss as a hardworking risk-taker whose love of family and honest business dealings created a new, still flourishing, garment. The book also answers such challenging trivia questions as: why the name 'jeans,' why the metal rivets, and why they disappeared. A fast, interesting read.

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The Outside World

By Tova Mirvis

Alfred A. Knopf/Random House
Hardcover, 2004

With a keen eye for detail and a first-hand understanding of orthodoxy, Mirvis has written a very funny, yet equally touching, story. It's about Tzippy Goldman, still a spinster at 21, whose mother has been dreaming of marrying her eldest daughter off in the grandest wedding ever to hit Boro Park. Tzippy has other dreams, though: dreams of somehow breaking free from what she feels is a fettered world. And she has to decide whether "this voice [is] her evil inclination ... [or] the voice of her imagination." The story is also about Bryan Miller. His Modern Orthodox family, nearby in New Jersey, tries to get used to Bryan's metamorphosis into Baruch when Bryan/Baruch returns from yeshiva in Israel and attempts to impose his own religious fervor on his parents and sister. And it's also about love, religion, faith, and doubt.

The characters are vividly drawn in all their fears, angst and searching. "No matter how hard she tried, Shayna [Tzippy's mother] still felt new to this world. She had been Orthodox for more than twenty-five years, and she worried that she might make a mistake. She might heat food improperly on Shabbos ... Then her neighbours would see through her, to her past ... and expose her as an imposter."

Back from Israel, Brian is fervently devoted to studying Torah 24/7, wanting to purge himself of his former life (thus, his name-change to Baruch), his interests (sports and the Yankees), his immediate future (of attending his father's *alma mater*). And so he does, rifling through his bedroom cupboards, removing all aspects of his former self, adding to the "top of the pile a karban chatat, his most heartfelt sin offering: the blue sweatshirt with white letters proclaiming COLUMBIA."

Naomi – Baruch's mother – begins to question her own level of middle Orthodox observance with Baruch instructing her "that it wasn't okay to leave the oven on during Shabbos and to warm up food during the day ... It was a different world. Twenty years ago, no one checked inside anyone's pots or measured the length of anyone's skirts."

Bryan's sister, Ilana, whose company Bryan would share often before his changeover and who now finds fault with

everything she does, feels more and more estranged from the brother she was so close to. "Bryan's acting like he's so religious, but I don't buy it. What about being nice to people? What about caring how other people feel? What about respecting your parents? It's like he's decided that those don't matter just because he puts on a black hat and davens ten times a day."

The characters struggle to make sense of their lives and their observances, their association to family and faith, wanting to break free yet wanting to feel connected. A thought-provoking tale written with keen understanding and empathy.

Earth and High Heaven

By Gwethalyn Graham

Cormorant Books

Softcover, 2003

Graham's book, originally published in 1944, was so timely that its sales exceeded a million and-a-half copies. It was translated into 18 languages including Braille, was a *New York Times* bestseller for almost a year, won numerous awards including the Governor General's, its film rights bought by Samuel Goldwyn for \$100,000.

Although its writing style is somewhat dated – it reads like a 1940's cinematic romantic comedy/drama – it's nonetheless an entertaining read, providing a snapshot of a time in Canadian history (and Jewish history, too) that reminds us of how far Canada has come in its immigration policies and prejudices, and particularly anti-Semitism. The story takes place in Montreal, a city where Jews were not always welcome as customers or even as tenants.

The plot in a nutshell: Jewish lawyer, Marc Reiser, meets Erica Drake, a gentile from an established Westmount family, and they both fall in love, much to the chagrin of their parents. Erica especially suffers when she discovers that the father she thought she had known harbours prejudices so deeply felt that he's virtually undone by them.

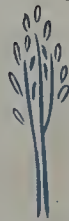
It is a time when "Montreal society [is] divided roughly into three categories labeled "French," "English," and "Jewish" ... [when] relations between the French, English, and Jews of Montreal are still further complicated by the fact that all three groups suffer from an inferiority complex – the French because they are a minority in Canada, the English because they are a minority in Quebec, and the Jews because they are a minority everywhere." Comments Erica: "After all, we Canadians don't really disagree fundamentally with the Nazis about the Jews – we just think they go a bit too far."

Graham, like Mirvis, has a penetrating understanding of the world she writes about, and her satire renders the story as much a critique of Montreal society during the Second World War as it is a romance.

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Thelma Steinman on her special birthday by Fay Shulman.

In memory of:

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In honour of:

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Zeev and Sara Vered on receiving the Partners in Research Biomedical Science Ambassador award and for Zeev's Order of Canada by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

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Mazal Tov to:

Cindy Feingold and Roger Greenberg on Jenna's Bat Mitzvah by Harry and Lisa Posin; by Rhoda and Joe Levitan; by Ronald and Ruth Levitan; by Peter Goring and Erica Pratt.

Jenna Greenberg on her Bat Mitzvah by Barbara and Lenny Farber; by Lynn Oreck-Wener and Bob Wener.

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Theodor Herzl, who created the modern Zionist movement in the mid-1890s died in Vienna one hundred years ago. In 1949, in one of its first symbolic acts after the War of Independence, the new Israeli government reburied Herzl in the hills overlooking Jerusalem.

Herzl's final resting place is on the summit of Jerusalem's Mount Herzl. The Herzl memorial honours his dream of a Jewish state which, by its very existence, would counter the millennial history of Jews as victims of anti-Semitism. Immediately to the west, on the slope of Mount Herzl, is Yad Vashem, the memorial to the six million victims of the Shoah for whom Herzl's dream came true too late. The north slope contains Israel's largest military cemetery, symbolic of the continuing cost of realizing that dream.

When Herzl died, even his admirers thought his life had ended in failure. His efforts to mobilize wealthy Jews and great international powers to achieve a charter, backed by international guarantees for Jewish settlement in Palestine had resulted in rejections by most of the leaders of Jewry in the West and diplomatic put-offs by most of the political leaders he lobbied.

In the last year of his life, Herzl himself (as revealed in his extensive diaries and correspondence) was in despair. Contrary to his expectations, the main supporters of political Zion-

ism were the Jews of Eastern Europe and their émigré relatives (particularly in the East End of London) – people whom Herzl had, for a long time, scorned as "schleppers."

Herzl was an improbable candidate for the father of Zionism, and indeed argued in his pre-Zionist phase, that assimilation was the only answer to "the Jewish problem." Afterwards, he continued to believe that, besides providing refuge, a Jewish State, run on modern lines, would change Jews significantly ("normalize" them), so they would no longer be characterized by the traits anti-Semites (and assimilationists) objected to. If it is too harsh to suggest that Herzl shared many of the assumptions of racists, or cultural anti-Semites of his day, one can at least suggest he had a lamentable tendency to "blame the victim" for the persistence of his victimization.

In a sense, Herzl achieved one victory in his diplomatic efforts. After his failure in negotiating with the Germans and the Turks, he scored a success with the British, who offered self-government under British rule in a corner of East Africa. But this "Uganda Plan," which Herzl supported as a "way station" to provide refuge in the immediate aftermath of the Tsarist Kishinev pogroms was vehemently rejected by the nascent Zionist movement, particularly the Russian Zionists. Though Chaim Weizmann recognized the Uganda offer (which he opposed) as a sign that Britain would eventually come around to supporting a claim closer to the Zionist ideal, Uganda festered as a sore point which divided Zionists until World War I and the Balfour Declaration.

What, then, did Herzl really achieve in his lifetime? There were three major achievements. He was the charismatic figure who, as an assimilated western Jew, was the "outsider" who galvanized the masses of Jews (mainly poorer Jews in eastern Europe) into believing that action to achieve a national homeland was possible. In so doing, he moved Zionism beyond debate in small intellectual circles, so that it could become a real movement for national self-determination.

Secondly, in the short nine-year period of his active Zionism (from the 1895 writings which led to "The Jewish State") he created the institutional foundations of modern Zionism: a regular political assembly for Zionism (the Zionist Congress) with a network of institutions and publications; the Jewish National Fund; symbols like an anthem, a flag, and a slogan ("If you will it, it is no dream").

Finally, in his writing and

speeches, he outlined a vision of a humane and progressive society that could be created in the Jewish national homeland, and stamped Zionism with an idealistic (some say "utopian") vision of a Jewish national revival.

Websites

A short biography of Herzl from the Jewish Agency: (<http://www.jafi.org.il/education/100/people/BIOS/herzl.html>)

Early development of Zionism, till Herzl's death (an article from the 1905 Jewish Encyclopedia): (<http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=132&letter=Z>)

Wikipedia on later developments: (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zionism>)

Early Zionist writings: (<http://www.geocities.com/Vienna/6640/zion/essential.html>)

This includes Herzl's Jewish State:

<http://www.geocities.com/Vienna/6640/zion/judenstaadt.html>

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**TUESDAY
JUNE 22**
Jewish National Fund
Annual General Meeting, resi-
dence of Fred and Lisa Cogan,
7:00 pm.
Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO,
Closing General Meeting, Agud-
ath Israel Congregation, 1400
Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 23**
Hillel Lodge, Annual Gener-
al Meeting, Hillel Lodge, 10
Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:00 pm.

**THURSDAY
JUNE 24**
The Ottawa Jewish Commu-
nity Foundation, Annual Gener-
al Meeting, 7:30 pm.

**FRIDAY
JUNE 25**
JETsetters, Young Adult Fri-
day Night Dinner, Shotkin family,
8:00 pm.

**SUNDAY
JUNE 27**
Jewish Community Centre
at Ottawa Day Camp and JCC
Sports Camp, Meet the Coun-
sellor Day, 10:00 am.
A Touch of Klez, Open
Rehearsal, Hillel Lodge, 10
Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:00 pm.

**SUNDAY
JULY 4**
The Vered Israel Cultural
and Educational Program,
Israel House, 5:00 pm.

JET, Yarchei Kallah Opening
Dinner, Beth Shalom West, 15
Chartwell, 6:00 pm.

**SUNDAY
JULY 11**
The Vered Israel Cultural
and Educational Program,
Israel House Movie For Kids,
10:00 am.

CANDLELIGHTING

Jun 25 ☆ 8:37 pm
Jul 2 ☆ 8:37 pm
Jul 9 ☆ 8:34 pm
Jul 16 ☆ 8:29 pm
Jul 23 ☆ 8:23 pm
Jul 30 ☆ 8:15 pm

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May their memory be a blessing always

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